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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION

Held at New York, July 7-10.

Tuesday afternoon, July 5, in company with a host of "Endeavors" from Fort Wayne and other cities of Northern Indiana, we started on our journey to the great metropolis of the East, to attend the Annual International Christian Endeavor Convention. Our route was over the Pennsylvania lines. We were accompanied on our way by Mrs. Zartman and daughter Josie, as far as Canton, Ohio, where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Conrad until our return.

Our trip was a very pleasant and interesting one, as we had never before made a tour through the Eastern States and cities.

We arrived at Pittsburgh about midnight on Tuesday, here our train halted until after day-break on Wednesday morning. While our waiting at this place was attended with the usual unpleasantness of a stop-over at railway stations, we were quite patient, knowing that we should be the gainers thereby, as it would give us the advantage of traveling through the mountain country of Pennsylvania in day time. Before we left Pittsburgh, we were reinforced by large delegations of Indiana Endeavorers from the Southern part of the State, so that we now had two special trains of eight or nine coaches apiece.

All along the route after leaving Pittsburg were points of interest to us. At Johnstown we witnessed many tangible evidences of the destruction wrought by the great flood a few years ago. We remembered while witnessing these ruins as we were passing along, that here, one of our former parishioners, while on her trip to the east, being one of the passengers on that "fated train," was swept down the Conemaugh, and never again seen or heard from by her friends.

At Cresson Springs, far up in the mountains, our trains halted for an hour's rest and refreshment. This is one of the most beautiful places we ever visited. An hour's stop was too brief a time to satisfy one's heart and mind in a place where nature's work

is so charming and multifarious, as here. The scenery along this mountainous route is certainly grand. While disappointing in some particulars, in others it far exceeded our expectation. For about two hundred and fifty miles our journey led us through the mountain scenery of Pennsylvania. We presume this portion of the State is the great ore and coal region, about which we hear so much. We did not fall in love with this section of the State as a farming community. But the pure mountain air must be invigorating and the residents of these lofty latitudes must evidently be free from all malaria and its effects.

For a long time along our route we were eagerly on the look-out for "Der Reiche Herr im Deich, (The rich lord in the valley.) But our anxiety was not gratified until on our return trip, when we were traveling between Philadelphia and Harrisburg. Here we saw some of the beautiful and fertile valleys of Pennsylvania. The large fields of growing corn and grain and the large barns and beautiful country residences, reminded us of many of our western homes and one feels as though he should be contented to take up his dwelling place here for life.

At about 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, we reached Harrisburg. After a stop of twenty minutes or more for dinner we were again aboard to resume our journey. The Indiana delegation had planned a route of its own. At Harrisburg we diverged from the direct route, and turned southward for Baltimore, and the Capitol City. We regarded it a special privilege to see the country along this route and to make a trip to Washington. For many years we have been anxiously waiting to lay our eyes upon this fair city, and visit some of its places of historic and national interest. The ride from Harrisburg to Baltimore and southward was a most delightful one. At 6 o'clock in the evening we reached Washington. Our first experience here was a slight disappointment. We were strangers in a strange city and with eyes and hearts aching to

see everything that could be seen in the brief time allotted us in this place, but we were minus a pilot. Our second experience however, was a pleasanter one. After leaving the depot and reaching Pennsylvania avenue, a familiar voice greeted us in these words: "Mr. Zartman, come join our company, and we will see the city." Some of the Fort Wayne and Columbia City endeavorers had secured the services of an "ever ready cab-man," to show them the sights; and we were heartily glad to fall in with these friends, and in a moment we found ourselves rapidly hustled along the principal streets of the city, and to the places of special interest to sight seers. At eight o'clock the doors of the White House were thrown open to the Indiana delegation of Endeavorers, and we had the privilege of walking through the spacious and beautiful halls and rooms of Uncle Sam's mansion. Our visit at Washington was brief, but we feel rejoiced that we were permitted to be there for even so short a time. The streets, parks, monuments, public and private buildings are beautiful, and are of historic and great personal interest to every American citizen.

At 12 o'clock on Wednesday night we resumed our journey, returning to Baltimore, then going by way of Philadelphia, we reached New York on Thursday morning about eight o'clock. Here we were cordially received by a committee of young men, who escorted us after the manner of Christian Endeavor gallantry, to the Buckingham, the headquarters for the Indiana Endeavorers. Our rooms had been previously assigned us, and being among the first arrivals, we were soon in our quarters, and were heartily glad for an easy chair or sofa where we could rest for a few hours after so long and wearisome a journey. After a rest in our room for a few hours we returned to the hotel office. Here we found some sad and disappointed hearts. Some who seemed to us to be in the unhappy and irreparable dilemma of the foolish Virgins. We had traveled many hundred miles and were strangers in the city, and yet when we called at the hotel office

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of our headquarters we found our names written there and rooms assigned. Others had not taken the precaution of making any previous arrangement for their entertainment and when they came to the hotel the doors were closed against them. Here was a tangible demonstration of the folly of delay, and the want of previous preparation. Let us see to it that our names are written in the book of Life, and that mansions are assigned us in the Father's House. How rejoiced we shall be, after the wearisome journey of life shall be over and we shall come to the gates of the Celestial City, to find that our names are written there, and the gates of that fair city are open to us.

THE CONVENTION.

The convention opened on Thursday afternoon, July 17th. The delegates all registered at their headquarters, and secured their badges. Having complied with this part of the program, we started out at an early hour to attend the first sessions of the convention. The meetings were held in the Madison Square Garden. This is the largest hall in New York City. It has a seating capacity of from 18,000 to 20,000. It was evident at the first session of the convention that this hall was insufficient to accommodate the multitudes who had come to attend these meetings. No accurate estimate could be made of the delegates in attendance, but it was thought that there were from 30,000 to 35,000 present.

We were fortunate in securing a timely admittance into the hall at the first session, and so were permitted to see the State delegations enter and occupy the places assigned them in the garden. This was a thrilling and inspiring scene. For a time there seemed to be a Babel of confusion. Delegations were entering from all doors, bearing their banners, and making the great hall ring with their songs.

This was truly an inter-state, inter-national inter-denominational gathering. Here were representatives from all our States and Territories,

from the provinces of Canada, and from nearly all the countries of the world; there were also representatives from nearly all the Evangelical denominations of the Protestant church.

A thoughtful observer of this convention and of the Christian Endeavor Movement could not help but be impressed with the fact that as an ultimate result of this movement, States, provinces, and nations will be brought into closer fellowship with each other, and a firmer bond of love and peace established between them. From the present outlook of the future status of peace and goodwill between nations, as growing out of the Christian Endeavor movement, one may well question whether such a thing as a war between these nations can ever again be a possibility. We think not.

This movement has also already done very effectual work in bringing into closer fellowship and union many of the denominations of the Protestant Church. The burden of our Lord's prayer, that all his may be one, is being happily realized. The Christian Endeavor movement is not only a great revival of grace, and activity and work among God's people, but it is a revival of love, fellowship and unity, of peace and goodwill among states and nations, and in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that the tidal waves of this blessed movement may roll on and on, until the remotest parts of the world, and until nations shall feel its benign, its saving and uplifting power.

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HOMES IN MOURNING.

After a prolonged illness of many months, Mrs. John Vordermark fell asleep calmly and peacefully at the hour of noon on Thursday, June 23. Mrs. Vordermark has been in failing health for more than a year past, but it was not known to herself or her family that her recovery was impossible until two or three months before her death. She was cheerful and patient in all her suffering, and in the spirit of Christian fortitude submitted to the ways of the Lord. In her death the husband sustains the loss of an affectionate and devoted wife, and the daughters and sons are bereft of a solicitous mother; one who has been intensely anxious about their temporal and spiritual welfare, and one who has been in the home an example of piety and consecration to the Lord.

In her death the church loses one of its most devoted and earnest members and workers. Few members of Grace Church have been as persistent in their labors for the church as this sister. Nothing could prevent her from attendance upon the services of the church, Sunday-school, Missionary Society, prayer meeting, except sickness. She was kind-hearted to all and liberal in giving to the Lord, and most deservedly highly esteemed and loved by the church and every one. By her devotion to the Lord, as by her testimony during her illness, she gave full evidence of her preparation for death. As a church we were loathe to part with her, but we must be reconciled to the will of our Divine Master.

She leaves to mourn her loss—her husband, three step-daughters, and two sons. Two little daughters had preceded her to the future home. Aged at her death 38 years, 6 months and 27 days.

The funeral services were held from the church on Sabbath afternoon June 26. So large was the attendance upon this service that the church could only accommodate a very small portion of the friends and neighbors who came to attend the service. After the service at the church the remains were borne to the beautiful Linden-Wood, where they were laid away to rest peacefully until the resurrection day.

Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edsall, 61 Oliver street, died Sabbath morning, July 31. Aged 5 months and 29 days. Funeral services were held from the house on Monday afternoon, Aug. 1st.

Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen, 198 West DeWald street, died Aug. 1. Aged 3 weeks. Funeral services Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 2.

Nellie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. M. Baker, 16 West Creighton avenue, died Aug. 1. Aged 12 years, 2 months and 8 days. Funeral services Wednesday morning, Aug. 3. Nellie was a member of the Sabbath school, also a member of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Third Presbyterian Church. She was a very promising child and had many friends.

Georgia Meyers, died Aug. 2. Aged 10 months and 7 days. Funeral services Thursday afternoon, Aug. 4.

May the Lord comfort the hearts of all these bereaved friends and enable them to realize that in some sweet day by, and by, the Lord will give these loved ones back to their hearts again.

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Social Thursday evening, Aug. 11.
Annual excursion Wednesday, August 17.

Miss Clara Piepenbrink is visiting friends at Milwaukee, and will not return for several weeks to come.

Mrs. F. D. Paulus and Father Bolander have been visiting with friends in Michigan. Mr. Paulus has been at Akron, Ohio, on business.

During the month of August while the hot weather continues our church services will be varied, and very brief, but we hope they shall be spirited and helpful.

Mrs. Rev. Charles Schaaf, daughter and son, from Louisville, Ky., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Neireiter on West Washington street. They will remain for a month or longer.

The ladies of the Church will give an ice cream and cake social in the Church lawn, Thursday evening, Aug. 11. Enlivening music will be discoursed by the Blue Tassel Club. If you miss this social, you will regret it. Come, everyone.

Willis and Etta Souder attended the Christian Endeavor Convention at New York. They were delighted with their trip, and came home thoroughly inspired with the Christian Endeavor spirit. We regret that not many more of our young people could attend the convention.

The Orphans' Home Anniversary will be held Aug. 24. Arrangements have been made to convey the visitors to the Home by the Lake Side electric cars. Dinner and Supper will be served, and a pleasant time is anticipated. Every member of Grace

Church should attend this gathering of Reformed people and friends at the Home.

Rev. Dr. Kuelling of Brooklyn, N. Y., has accepted a call from the Salem Reformed Church of this city, and will enter upon his work here September 1st. Dr. Kuelling is a man of ability and experience, and will undoubtedly do a good work for the Salem Church.

The pastor and family spent their vacation very pleasantly with Father and Mother Conrad at Canton, O. They have a very pleasant home in this prosperous Buckeye city, on North Cleaveland avenue. We were glad to find them well, and happy. Our visit with them was entirely too brief for them, and we should have been glad to spend a longer time with them if our work at home would have justified us in so doing.

On his return from New York the pastor spent a day at Philadelphia with his brother and family, Rev. R. C. Zartman. We were glad to find them all reasonably well, and having a pleasant location at 1635 North Nineteenth street. We were enabled to visit a number of places of interest while in the city; such as the Public Building, Wannamaker's Great Store, Independence Hall, etc. We hope to be able at some future day to spend a longer time in this city.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

June 22 at high noon at the residence of Mr. Mrs. John L. Race, 34 East 3rd street. Their daughter Emily S. was united in marriage with Mr. George Piepenbrink. Both of these young people are well known and highly respected in the city. After the ceremony, and a sumptuous feast was partaken of by the guests, Mr. and Mrs. Piepenbrink started on a trip for the West where they remained, visiting friends for a week or more. For the present they are occupying rooms on West Washington street. Their many friends wish them a happy future.

June 22 at 8 o'clock, at 174 West Creighton avenue, Mr. Edgar L. Bell was married to Miss Lydia C. Tons. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a very pleasant and happy little group of friends of the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Bell were married in their own home, having previously furnished their house throughout. They are very pleasantly located, and the Visitor wishes for them a long and happy life.

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Prayer Meeting Topics.

August 7—"Whom Should We
Fear?" Acts 4: 13-20; Luke 12:4, 5.
D. W. Souder.

August 14—"How can We Profit
by the Story of Ananias?" Acts 4:32;
5:5; Ru. 21:27. Eugene Mathis.

August 21—"Heroic Christians."
Acts 5:40, 41; 2 Cor. 12:9, 10. Willis
Souder.

August 28, Consecration Meeting—
"How a Christian Can Die." Acts
7:54-60; 1 Cor. 15:55-57. John Vor-
dermark.

JUNIOR SOCIETY.

August 14—"Speak the Truth."
Missionary meeting. Isaiah 43: 5-11.
Willie Walters.

Aug 28—"A Christian Hero." Acts
7:55-60. Georgie Nill.

A very pleasant and profitable ser-
vice was held Sabbath evening, July
31, at the hour for the regular
preaching service, by the Young
Peoples' Society. An effort was made
to gain new recruits for the society,
which resulted in an accession of
three active members. We hope to
see many others added to the society
in the near future.

ANNUAL EXCURSION AUGUST 17.

Grace Church will give its annual
excursion Wednesday, August 17,
either to Rome City or Warsaw. It
will be announced in due time to
which of these places we shall go
this season. Fare to either place,
adults \$1.00. Children 50 cents.
Every member of the church and
Sunday school, and every person should
go on this excursion, and every one
should sell tickets. Tickets can be
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after of the pastor, D. W. Souder, at
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